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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Then I want to just ask you about your amendment, because your amendment strikes, on page 12, lines 8 through 13. And those...that's the language says that it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$100,000 to the fund in each of those years. So you're taking out the legislative appropriation and, yet, down on line 14 it continues by saying, and this language is left in: To the extent that funds are available in the fund--which is a little awkward--the department may expend up to \$25,000 from the fund for each of fiscal years, and then the next two fiscal years, as aid to counties. And my question is, if you take out the language that tells that there isn't...there's no intent, then, to appropriate money, how do you have any money in a fund from which you can expend up to \$25,000 in aid?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. The Bill Drafters had mentioned to us that this...this part in the bill, and it's...and you've noticed, too, that that comes in part of the bills and it's usually...is considered amount...several...a considerable amount of debate in that. So that was the reason that was struck out of there. The A bill that I have with this is to appropriate that \$100,000 to the Animal Damage Control Fund, which the state of Nebraska has had for years. Some years they appropriate money into it; right now they haven't appropriated any money into it for several years.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Shouldn't we then be more specific about what fund we're talking about that these monies could come from? I mean it, to me, it's not clear at all where this money would come from. And maybe it...is it mentioned other places in the bill or in the committee amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: That I don't know. We'll have to look it over for a little bit. I was thinking it was probably mentioned in the A bill what fund it would be...it would be appropriated to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, that could be, but if this language is in the bill and people are wanting to know about these funds,